

The Horse for the
Farmer to Breed

By Wayne Dismore, Secretary of
the Percheron Society of America

Before going into the business of raising draft horses of any kind any man who is looking at the proposition from a business standpoint will wish to know something of the reward which a line of breeding holds out for those who follow it. He will want to know if there is a demand for draft horses which is broad and stable enough and which will absorb sufficiently numerous prices to warrant an investment in breeding stock. He will find out the kind of horses demanded and if this demand is well supplied or on the contrary.

If, as is the case in draft horse breeding, the demand does exceed the supply, he wants to know why the farmers have failed to meet the demand. He will want to know the type and size of horse that best meets this demand. If there is enough difference between rising pure-breds and grades to warrant his investing in the pure-bred business, he wants figures to prove it.

There is a demand for draft horses, a steady and increasing demand that affords good prices. Prices for heavy draft horses were higher the past year at the leading markets than at any time during the past twenty years, and the trend of the statistics which show that the number of this kind is increasing each year. Heavy drafts of quality have never failed to bring during the past ten years. The prices of draft horses are steadily on the increase, both in the city and on the farm. Modern methods of tillage and the increasing demand for heavy draft horses, such as deeper plowing and more frequent cultivation, is taking care of more horses annually than ever before.

Farms of small, mature draft horses, weighing 1500 and up, have been bringing \$700 to \$800 a year, buyers of this sort never being lacking. When the horses are used for farm work the cost of raising this class of horses does not exceed \$150 per head, and is often much less. To keep horses merely for breeding purposes is not exactly the best way of keeping the kind that raises the cost. The farmer is naturally the man who can best get greatest profit from breeding horses, for he can work his horses out as he can work his horses under conditions that pay for their keep.

The breeder will cater to either the city market or the farm market. For city use horses under 1700 are not in much demand. They must be straight in the limbs, have good-sized well-shaped feet and be sound, or practically so, for this market. The feet and limbs are of prime importance for work on pavements. Horses weighing 1500 to 1700 will find a ready market as farm drafts. They must show approved draft type, have well-set legs, and be as nearly sound as possible for the top prices.

For the breeder having horses on the legs are not discriminated against so much for the city market as for the rural markets. Farmers do not take kindly to this excess baggage, but they will buy and make use of a horse that is hard to keep clean in damp weather. One reason that the farmers have not supplied the demand for this type of horse that is so much sought is that he has not had breeding stock to produce it. Our average horse in this country weighs but 1100 or 1200 pounds. Another reason is that a great many men are not good judges of horses and have not rated their stock and chosen it for best results. Neglect and unwillingness to try is the third and greatest reason why we are not producing this type of horse.

That the big horses are the ones wanted needs no refutation. Breed the 1700 and over if you have the means that will get this size when mated to 1500 to 1600 pound stallions. A Percheron stallion weighing this figure will get colts that mature around 1500 pounds from the average

HOW THEY STAND FOR THE BREWERY TROPHY

Blacks	Games Played	Won	Lost	Percentage
Tricker	6	5	1	83 1/3
Moffatt	6	1	5	16 2/3
Farrer	5	4	1	80 0/100
Melnyte	7	5	2	71 4/7
Bruen	6	4	2	66 2/3
Dunen	5	2	3	40 0/100
Shupin	1	1	0	100 0/100
Cunningham	6	1	5	16 2/3
Holmes	6	1	5	16 2/3
Cornwall	5	0	5	0 0/100

Methodist Church Notes

As was announced in last weeks issue, the Rev. S. C. Marshall, B.A., D.D., of Central Church, Calgary, will speak at morning and evening service on Sunday, Feb. 11th, and will also give an address on Monday evening following on "The Privately Held Church."

The Epworth League in the Methodist Church last Monday night was conducted by Mr. McQuinn, who gave a most thoughtful and inspiring address, the topic being "Studies New Testament Characters."

The subject of the sermon in the Methodist Church last Sunday evening was "Obedience to Conscience," and Rev. Harrison brought out very forcefully the scripture quotation, "Ye shall know your sins when you do them."

Tax Land Values

The land tax problem promised to be a stumbling block in the way of speedy progress in the U. F. A. convention work at the Edmonton last month. The Dundas Union proposed a resolution, "That a survey of at least 50 per cent of ordinary assessment be placed on all unimproved or unutilized lands in the province of Alberta."

It was suggested that the single tax might settle the question satisfactorily. With a view to covering this and other suggestions made during the discussion, Secretary From offered the following resolutions, which was adopted:

That this convention place itself on record as being strongly in favor of the system of taxation of land values for all kinds of taxation in this province; further, that the executive committee press upon the government the advisability of placing an extra tax on the unimproved lands in this province.

The convention endorsed resolutions submitted by the board of directors. That in the opinion of this association, it is desirable that all farm lands in Alberta, situated in school districts, whether in rural, village or town districts, should be assessed on uniform basis, preferably on the plan of the taxation of land values. This resolution, as originally submitted, provided for taxation on the straight acreage basis, but it was changed to a basis of land values. As it originally stood, the Convention would have gone on record as endorsing the taxation of farm lands now known as a commercial basis.

School Literary Notes

The School Literary Society met again last Friday. The first thing after the meeting was called, was the reading of the critic's report by Miss E. Larsen. Next a new preparation committee was elected which consist of A. Wannamaker, W. McKinney, Misses B. Price and E. Knight. The rest of the program was as follows:

Piano Solo—Miss E. Schorl.
Reading—C. McNeil
Piano Solo—Morley Tillson
Recitation—Miss E. Larsen
Address—Miss E. Schorl.
Address—Mr. Cornwall
Address—Mr. C. Bruen
Song—God Save The King
Recitation—Miss E. Schorl.
Will McKenzie.

Games of the Week

The curling in the draw for the Calgary Breeding & Maltng Co's trophy goes evenly on. Nine games have been played since last Tuesday's report. The results were as follows: Moffatt 11—Cornwall 5, Tucker 12—McIntyre 4, Bruen 12—Moffatt 5, McIntyre 2, Cunningham 12—Dunen 5, Tucker 12—Bruen 7, Simpson 17—Cornwall 4, Moffatt 10—Holmes 8, McIntyre 19—Farrer 7.

The Provincial Budget

The Budget is generally regarded as one of the big events of the Session. It is the occasion of the Provincial Treasurer to review the financial history of the year that is past; to indicate in a general way the various lines of expenditure and to outline for the coming year the sources of revenue and the amount of money required for the public service for the coming year.

It is the occasion when the Opposition, or any member of the Legislature has his greatest opportunity for criticizing the financial and administrative policy of the Government. (The Hon. Sir John Gault, M.P., in the House of Commons, brought down the Budget for 1912 last Friday. It was the really first opportunity that the present Provincial Treasurer has had of reviewing the financial affairs of the Province since he has taken office. His statement was distinguished by clearness and comprehensiveness. Quoting from the report that he had prepared he showed that the Province has assets to the value of \$7,753,000 and liabilities of \$7,263,000, leaving a surplus of assets over liabilities of \$490,000. This is exclusive of the Telephone Department which had a surplus last year of over \$100,000 and since the system has been taken over by the Province has yielded a surplus of \$175,000. The assets of the Province, briefly stated, include the public buildings, the University, permanent bridges, demonstration farms, and loans to crownities. The total estimated expenditure for the coming year is \$5,739,000. The total revenue \$6,283,000, leaving an estimated surplus for the coming year of \$544,000.

In looking over the estimates for the coming year one is impressed by the liberality. They provide for a technical expenditure of over \$10,000, and involve liberal dealing with respect to the public works of the Province. The amount to be spent on the Public Works is \$2,875,000, of which is chargeable to Income. The balance is charged to Capital, and includes such expenditure as \$100,000 for trunk roads; \$865,000 for the Court House at Edmonton and Calgary; \$225,000 for large permanent bridges; \$40,000 for Agricultural schools. It is the intention of the Government to establish, in connection with the demonstration farms, agricultural schools to satisfy the need there is at the present time for technical education for the farmers.

Special mention should be made of the administration of the telephone system. \$4,000,000 will be spent for construction in 1912, and \$1,000,000 will be required for the operation and maintenance of this utility. The administration of this utility in Alberta is unique. It has been successful. From the first year it has not only paid the expenses of keeping it up and operating it, but it has gone on increasing and although large amounts have been spent on it and the system extended into many

settlements where it is not remunerative, yet it has produced a surplus in five years of over \$175,000. This surplus practically takes the place of a sinking fund, although the Premier stated that the surplus would be used in improving and extending the system.

The amount requisite for Education, the Administration of Justice, and Agriculture, are commensurate with the requirements of the Province and none of those services will be shorn by the present Government. Taking everything into consideration the \$10,000,000 budget is hopeful and optimistic of the future of this Province, and reflects the faith of the men entrusted with its administration. It is the first time in our history that we have engaged to spend so much, but development is so rapid and settlers are flocking into the country in such numbers that when the year is over, it will be found that even the liberal budget of 1912 was a very unextravagant one.

The reelection of Mr. McIntyre was a great success for the Government, and a great expenditure and a great cause in the number of ministers for the different departments. This attitude has even more pronounced when the House went into Committee on Supply. Very few of the items were criticized for being too small, and it may be regarded as unusual for the Government to be charged as is usual by Opposition, with undue extravagance.

Leap-Year Ball

The Quadrille Club At Home held last Friday was a decided success. The hall was tastefully decorated, the food was most inviting, and the ladies were filled with a throng of merry-makers. Tables were placed on the stage which progressively whist formed the amusement. Mrs. Bruen and Mr. Cheanne, strikers of the prize in the whist tournament. The dancers kept the floor occupied all evening. Among those who came to town from outside places to enjoy the hospitality of the Quadrille Club were Misses Lindsay, Gramann, Misses Ethel Cunningham and Eva Bruen, Calgary, C. M. Leyden, and G. B. Moore and H. H. Thorne, Banff. Only one fine is reported that of "Larry" who attempted to usurp a prerogative which belonged to the ladies alone. No casualties have been reported so far and the bachelor ranks do not seem to have been very vigorously attacked as yet.

A Bountiful Harvest

"As a man sows, so shall he reap," and youth is the time in which he must do his sowing if the gray is not to be empty when old age overtakes him, as it surely will if he lives long enough. The making of money and the saving of money, as the ladies alone, are distinguished from the merely love of money, should be the ambition of everyone; but it does not necessarily follow that if you make money you will live in your old age, as many a one-time millionaire has died in the poor house. But if you take advantage of the Canadian Government annuity system, and out of your wages or income pay the amount of interest to be paid each week, month or year; or as arranged, provision for annuity may be made with absolute certainty and at much less cost than on any other safe plan. You may lose everything else you own, but the Annuity cannot be lost or taken from you by any process of law, no matter how long you may live. Ask your Postmaster for literature on the subject, or write for the same to the Superintendent of Annuities, Ottawa, to whom all letters may be addressed free of postage.

NOTICE

Applications will be received by the undersigned for an election to the Municipality of the Town of Chisholm for 1912. Applicants please state salary expected.

GEO. SIMPSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Foster Proposes Emergency Bill To Aid Farmers

Amends Grain Act So as to Obtain Better Distribution of Cars

(Western Associated Press.)
OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 2.—At the conclusion of this afternoon's session of the House, Hon. G. E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, introduced a bill entitled "an act to amend the national grain act."

The bill was read a second time, and it was the intention of the minister to resolve the House into a committee of the whole, but Hon. Frank Oliver asked that it be left over until Monday in order that the members might have an opportunity to consider it thoroughly. To this the minister at once agreed.

The net in question aims to alleviate the present serious conditions obtaining throughout the northwest and proposes an amendment to 80 B of the existing act, relating to the distribution of cars. The act as it stands gives powers to the commissioner to order cars to be supplied contrary to the provisions of the act to elevators which are in danger of collapse or where grain is in danger on account of dampness. It is the purpose of the amendment to extend this power to the ordering of cars to "places" where grain is damp and liable to become damaged, or for the purpose of distributing seed grain to any point in the western provinces.

An Emergency Act

Hon. Mr. Foster, in explanation, indicated that this was an emergency question and stated that both the railway companies and the board of railway commissioners were in favor of it. When the House opened the grain bill was again under discussion. J. L. Currier, Rainy River, went into the question of handling grain at the head of the lake. He saw no crime in the mixing of wheat. He pointed out that it was merely the raising of a low grade by mixing better wheat with the poorer. By using one car of No. 1 wheat and No. 3, he could raise it to No. 2. He believed that from one to five million dollars was lost to the farmers under the present system.

Mr. Neely, Hamilton, asked: "Is not the dealers who would get this profit by mixing?"

Mr. Currier: "No, the farmers, because the question of competition enters." Mr. Currier stated that at the present time there was legislation to prevent terminal elevators from dealing in grain and to prevent mixing. The law, he said, has not been repealed and cannot be enforced. The terminal elevator men are directors in the country elevators, and are still

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A Farmer's Elevator

The U. F. A. met at 5 mile school last Friday evening Feb. 2. There was fair attendance and the discussions were bright and interesting.

The resolution favoring building of a Farmers' elevator was carried unanimously and a committee was appointed to set to work and to secure a site. Considerable progress has already been made in gathering information and making plans and it is expected that in the spring the contracts will be let. The shares were placed at \$5 and not more than twenty five shares to be allotted to one person.

The petition, circulated by the "Business Men's Credit Association" of Winnipeg came in for pretty severe criticism and some farmers who had signed it thought it misrepresenting the purpose of the petition asked that the petition be placed in the store. Mr. John Robertson undertook to carry out their wishes in this respect.

Misses A. M. Berg and E. Brown were appointed to prepare a program for the next meeting to be held on Friday Feb. 16.

A number of orders were placed for bath wine and fence posts by the Union expects to supply in car lots.

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Chiefly Clareholm

H. Kowler, of Willow Creek, was in town on Tuesday.

C. W. Rainbow, of Winnipeg, was a visitor last Friday.

Fred Jacobs of Willow Creek, spent Sunday in town.

J. Cook, of Calgary, has been assisting Dr. R. M. Riggs, this week.

L. V. Winslip left recently to visit Mr. Butterfield of Lewiston, Idaho.

Harry Dawson, of Lyndon, was registered at the Queen's on Monday.

C. W. P. Gaudette, of Grinnam came up for the ball on Friday night.

C. D. Handwick, of the '41', went to Gleichen last Monday for a short visit.

Robert Pearson was down from Calgary last Thursday on business and pleasure.

G. B. Moir and J. H. R. Thorne, of Barons, were here last Friday for the leap-year ball.

J. R. Watt is in Calgary attending the convention of the Alberta Agricultural Fairs Association.

The Y.P.S.C.E. of the Presbyterian Church are having a social evening to-night at the home of Wm. Knight.

Ross Millard, of Barons, paid this town a hurried visit last Sunday returning Monday morning with G. B. Moir to Barons.

C. J. Cole was down from Calgary for a few days this week on business connected with the sale of the Wilton to Mr. Mitchell.

C. E. Todd and Chas. Holmes left on Monday for Olds, Alta., where they expect to enter business as meat merchants.

J. D. Macleod and J. E. Thurston, of Calgary, were here last week with some more Calgary real estate snags for our local buyers.

R. B. McKay, of Champion, arrived last Saturday to take the place on the Bank of Commerce staff lately occupied by J. P. Robinson.

Chas. North of Springfield, Miss., who is visiting his brother, John T. A. Parkland, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Amundsen last week.

A. L. MacLachlan, who has spent some days in town explaining a sick and accident benefit proposition which confines its membership to the Masonic craft, left today to carry the missionary work to other benighted towns in this district. Mr. MacLachlan while here succeeded in interesting a number of the local Masons and organized C. W. Jones as agent for his company here.

Hockey--Yes--No

On five of the consistency of this privilege a most remarkable game of hockey was played last Friday in the local rink between a septette from Nanton and seven local puck chasers. The game could not be called fast but certainly a better game. Nanton failed to score at all. Clareholm shovelled in seven, more or less. The bright particular star was Robbie. Walter Johnston waded around with the whistle. Geo. Ringrose stopped several good shots with his hat. Chas. James stood in the water on the sidelines and roared every hour at the close of the game to change his sex. Larry rolled up his sleeves and fished out the puck several times without salary. Several of our prominent business men showed their financial senses by witnessing the game from the snow bank outside the fence thus saving two-bits. Such thrift should be warmly applauded even if the rink association should be out of pocket at the end. Should such ice conditions prevail at any more hockey games, rubber boots should be worn over the skates.

Inducting The Rector

An event of more than common interest will take place at the Church of St. John the Evangelist here next Sunday, Feb. 11th. The occasion will be the induction of Rev. H. M. Henderson to the rectoryship of the church, the Lord Bishop of Calgary officiating. Services will be held as follows: 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evening Prayer.

Business Changes

W. R. Linsley and F. E. Torlitt have applied for the registration of their partnership and will conduct an implement business at V. A. Porter's old stand, V. A. having gone to Brooks where he and his brother will carry on a machinery business. F. E. Harvey has arrived in town from the East and has assumed the Anderson & Paulson business handling McConick implements as his leader. O. J. Amundsen has had the building, formerly occupied by the Union Bank, fitted up for himself and son and they will widen out their field of effort. An announcement of the nature of the change will be made later. An Oriental has fitted up the old morning picture show building as a restaurant and begins business as the Leland Cafe. Jones & Moore are extending their show room and remodeling their building. These signs of expansion augur well for the future.

The Justice Mill Grinds

Joseph Johnson of Stately was up before Jasp. Tucker, J. P., on Monday for the charge of misappropriation, failing to properly account for the proceeds of the sale of a buggy belonging to a firm of implement manufacturers in the East. Barister Selwood prosecuted and J. B. Watt defended. The accused was committed for trial at the spring assizes. The Inspector fined a man named Lindsay \$100 for breach of customs regulations. This came about through failure to properly report the entry of a number of horses.

Meadow Creek Notes

The weather is foggy and damp, looks like it might snow again. The roads are in bad shape to travel on account of so much ice. The Bible Class met with Mr. and Mrs. de Forest last Sunday. About 22 were present. The lesson was well explained by Mr. de Forest. The Bible Class will meet with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Maxwell next Sunday Feb. 11th. Every one come. Mr. and Mrs. Conover are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Maxwell for a few days. The Alberta Rangers are giving their Fifth Annual Ball, Friday Feb. 9th. Admission \$1.00. Mr. F. Webster is away on a short pleasure trip to B. C. There was a dance at the Green Bank school house, Feb. 7th, 1912.

Y. P. S. C. E.

The meeting of the Young People's Society of the Presbyterian Church, held Tuesday evening was a most interesting one, the subject being one of a series of "The Christian Virtues." Generosity. The leader, Miss Doyle gave a well-thought-out paper, dealing not so much with the generally accepted idea of generosity, namely, giving of our money, but with the kind word, the expression of sympathy, the refraining from speaking the harsh or unkind criticism. These things are by far the most important, but we should not forget to give of our means as well. The meeting was most inspiring and helpful. On last Sunday evening the church service was under the auspices of the Y.P.S. with Mr. Beardon, the president, as leader. This day was chosen as Young People's Day as it is the thirty-first anniversary of the Y.P.S.C.E. Rev. Mr. McNichol's address was on the missionary work in Korea.



PUBLIC NOTICE

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